

**CITY OF SEQUIM  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER  
152 WEST CEDAR STREET  
SEQUIM, WA  
APRIL 11, 2016**

**STUDY SESSION**

**1.       Emergency Management presentation by Jim Buck**

Jim Buck provided information concerning emergency preparedness. In the event of an earthquake, we should have about 80 minutes from the time the earth shakes until we see a tsunami. Power failure is expected to last at least 2-3 days. This area expects an earthquake significant enough that the President has already signed the emergency declaration. 48% of police facilities will be unusable. There will be significantly reduced firefighting capability west of Shelton. 80% of the roads will suffer pavement failure of 3". It will take weeks to restore phone services. 100% of schools will suffer complete damage. People will not be able to stand for 6.5 minutes because of the shaking caused from an earthquake. The electrical grid will be severely damaged or destroyed. It may take up to 1 year to restore service.

He explained the emergency management plan that is in existence. There is a 1 in 3 chance of an 8.0 earthquake in the next 50 years. There is a 1 in 10 chance for a 9.0 or greater.

Sheri Crain added that people need to be prepared. There is a lot of planning taking place at this time. The County is actively trying to get neighborhoods involved. The City was better prepared when we had a crime prevention program.

**2.       Tourism update, website and social media**

Barbara Hanna reported on lodging tax and its usage and tourism promotions being done by the City. We are starting to talk about changes to be made to the City's website. This update would include a "responsive" design which allows the website to look the same no matter whether you're viewing on a laptop, smart phone or tablet.

She explained future opportunities that Sequim is looking at such as a Main Street program, improving Guy Cole Center, and a destination resort.

She provided information on the City's use of social media and its website.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## ROLL CALL

**Council members present:** Bob Lake, Pam Leonard-Ray, Dennis Smith, Ted Miller, Candace Pratt, and Genaveve Starr. Youth Council Liaison Wendall Lorenzen  
**Excused:** John Miller

**MOTION to excuse John Miller made by T. Miller; second by Lake. Carried Unanimously.**

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

## CEREMONIAL

## REPORTS

### Committee, Board and Liaison

Lake reported on the Park & Recreation Board meeting last week at Dr. Standard Park playfields. Many improvements had been made.

### Presiding Officer

### City Manager

### Youth Liaison

Lorenzen reported that he took the Council retreat notes to school. Some seniors have a list of things they would like to see.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please limit comments to 3 minutes. Please see "Public Comments" rules attached.**

Joy Beaver expressed her concern about securing propane tanks.

Charlie Pugh reported on the Sequim Picklers' activities and fundraising events. They are in support of the RCO grant and willing to work to help the City.

Janet Gray, member of the Sequim Little League, thanked Council for considering the resolution later on the agenda. There has been a lot of activity at the fields. 285 youth are enrolled in Little League; 10 have received scholarships. Opening day is April 16 at 10:00 a.m. They have recently invested \$10,000 in this park.

Jody Wilkinson, president of the Peninsula Tennis Club, commented there has been a lot of talk about Carrie Blake Park and the club's commitment to obligate \$60,000 for tennis court construction in 2017. The Tennis Club is accepting applications for their annual scholarship program.

## INFORMATION/COUNCIL QUESTIONS INVITED

3. Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic First Quarter Report

## PUBLIC HEARINGS (Legislative)

4. Resolution R2016-09 Adopting the Stormwater Plan

Mayor Smith read the rules and opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Garlington reported there will be no additional tax, stormwater utility or rate increase related to the stormwater plan. Over the next 3 years we will accomplish those portions mandated by law. We have been awarded a grant to start CIP work in 2017. Sequim does not have a DOE permit for stormwater discharge. We do not want to have one. He provided information on what is required if we have a permit. As long as we continue to show we are making progress on stormwater issues, we may not be required to obtain a permit. The Planning Commission unanimously recommends approval of the plan.

Mayor Smith asked for speakers. Hearing no response, the public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

T. Miller believes this is a good compromise. He hopes Tier B and Tier C won't be developed any time soon.

**MOTION to adopt Resolution R2016-09 Adopting the Stormwater Plan including the correction in the comment log item #37 made by Bob Lake; second by Candace Pratt. Carried Unanimously.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approve/Acknowledge

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2016
- b. City Council Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2016
- c. Claim Voucher Recap Dated 4/11/16 Total Payments \$648,059.97

**MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented made by Pratt; second by Lake. Carried Unanimously.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Update on Downtown Plan implementation

Irvin reported on the short term strategies that have begun or are planned for the future.



Garlington explained that a scramble at Sequim and Washington was part of the RFP interviews. The groups that were interviewed did not recommend that plan and Garlington provided information that was relayed by the consultants.

Irvin provided information on the mid-term strategies for the next 3 - 7 years. Bush explained the Main Street Program that will be investigated to see if it is a fit for Sequim.

Irvin explained long-term strategies that include a southern bypass road, redesign of Pioneer Park and its surrounding connections, and pursuit of development of a downtown hotel. Pratt suggested we should be thinking about bicycle parking. The redesign of Pioneer Park may include opening a pedestrian entrance off of Etta Street.

Bush explained these items may be moved into work plans.

7. [Approve Resolution R2016-10 for Commitment for 2017 Park Capital Project Funding](#)

Irvin stated this request is brought forward so we can make the May 2 deadline for the two grant proposals. One application is for pickleball and tennis courts, new park entrance, and moving playground equipment. The other application is for improvements to Dr. Standard Park. If the grants are not received, we will continue to look for funding for these projects.

**MOTION to approve Resolution R2016-10 for Commitment for 2017 Park Capital Project Funding; moved by Lake seconded by T. Miller. Carried Unanimously.**

8. [Review Ordinance No. 2016-002 amending SMC 18.24.140 Relating to Fences](#)

Hugo explained the purpose of this amendment is to improve the aesthetic characteristics of high-use sports, parks and play facilities.

**MOTION to schedule Ordinance No. 2016-002 amending SMC 18.24.140 Relating to Fences at sports facilities, parks and playgrounds within the City, as proposed by City staff and recommended by the Planning Commission, for a public hearing on May 9, 2016 made by T. Miller; seconded by Leonard-Ray. Carried Unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mayor Smith reminded everyone that the US Women's Rugby Team is in Sequim. They will practice Tuesday and Wednesday.

He received a NAS Whidbey Island news release indicating their annual public open house is on June 25, 2016.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Please limit comments to 3 minutes each)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contract Negotiations and Potential Litigation**

Mayor Smith announced an executive session to last 30 minutes and action is anticipated. The purpose is contract negotiations, property acquisition and potential litigation. Recessed to executive session at 7:30 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. an additional five minutes was announced. The meeting resumed 8:08 p.m.

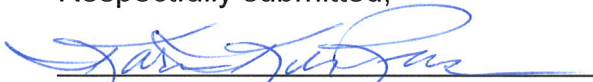
**MOTION to authorize the City Manager to execute a settlement agreement between the City and Mr. and Mrs. Schreiner approved by the city attorney similar to the Settlement Agreement presented to the City Council in executive session made by Pratt; second by Leonard-Ray. Carried Unanimously.**

**MOTION to authorize the City Manager to execute a settlement agreement between the City and Mrs. Patricia O'Dell approved by the city attorney similar to the Settlement Agreement presented to the City Council in executive session made by Starr; seconded by Pratt. Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Smith announced the next meeting dates of April 25, 2016 (5:00 p.m.) and May 9, 2016 (5:00 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC  
City Clerk



Dennis Smith  
Mayor

Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on April 25, 2016.